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To: SR/WDC

From: SR/W 2

Subject: Comments on Paragraphs A & B of 18 June Memo re Contact
with GASSOWARY 2 on 11 June 1952

1. We have heard from a fairly reliable source () that the OUN/MELNYK people are extremely anxious to cooperate with the U. S. in their attempt to establish liaison with the homeland.
2. From a fairly reliable source (CAPELIN), we have heard that Taras BULBA BOROVETS, leader of the UNG (Ukrainian National Guard) of the UNRada complex, is attempting to create a liaison with the UPA in POLESIA. Enigre rumor has it that BULBA is being backed by the British and that he is to use MELNYK assets.
3. If the British were backing MELNYK, it is doubtful that MELNYK would be doing any recruiting in the U. S. since his organization is equally powerful in Canada. This applies to any effort backed by the British, be it BULBA, MELNYK, or any other.
4. The question of who is the "American representative" is one of intense interest.
5. Upon studying this situation it is the undersigned's firm belief that the following may be true: In recent months, a representative of CIA has been carrying on conversations with one, Michael RODIK, employee of the United Ukrainian Relief Committee in Germany. It is generally believed that RODIK, to a great degree, favors the UNRada complex; it has also been pointed out by some people that the CIA representative in contact with RODIK also favors the RADA complex and particularly OUN/MELNYK. It is entirely conceivable that RODIK has let a few hints drop that the U. S. is disillusioned with GASSOWARY 1 and would be willing to cooperate with MELNYK providing the latter organization had agent personnel. If the above is the case, what we actually are doing is not launching a program of independent recruiting but going to bed with OUN/MELNYK, which in all probability is an organization far inferior in prospects and assets than GASSOWARY 1 or

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CAVATINA 6. Through objective study of documents it has been proven time and time again that CASSOWARY 1 is both politically and operationally an organization with which we need not be ashamed to cooperate. This, however, is not necessarily true of any of the other Ukrainian organizations.

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